THE TWELVE BROTHERS, OR THE HISTORY OF JOSEPH.

NEW HAVEN.
S. BABCOCK.

CHILDREN'S BOOK
COLLECTION

LIBRARY OF THE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
LOS ANGELES

Ex Libris
ELVAH KARSHNER

THE

TWELVE BROTHERS,

OR THE

HISTORY OF JOSEPH

NEW HAVEN.

PUBLISHED BY S. BABCOCK.

THE

TWELVE BROTHERS.

Jacob had twelve sons, and was rich in flocks and money. Of all his children he loved Joseph the most. Joseph was good and virtuous; but his elder brothers envied him because his father loved him more than them, and because he had had two dreams which seemed to denote that he should one day be exalted above them.

Some time after, when they were feeding their flocks in a distant part of the country, these

cruel brothers took Joseph and sold him, for twenty pieces of silver, to some merchants who were traveling to Egypt.

These merchants sold him in Egypt to an officer of the King, whom he served with such fidelity, that he was made overseer over all his household. But Jo-

seph was falsely accused of a crime, and was thrown into prison. Even here his excellent disposition gained him friends, and the jailer committed to him the care of the other prisoners.

Among these were the chief butler and the chief baker to the King, who related their dreams to Joseph. He interpreted them, and said, that the butler would be restored to office, and the baker put to death. It all happened just as Joseph had said it would.

Some time afterwards, King Pharaoh dreamed a remarkable dream, and none of his wise men could tell what it meant.

But the chief butler, who had been restored to his office, now recollected Joseph, and he told

the King how Joseph had explained his dream. So Joseph was taken out of prison, where he had been many years, and was brought before the King. He declared that the dreams of the King denoted seven years of plenty, and seven years of famine; and he advised the King

that in the years of plenty, stores of corn should be laid up against the years of famine

The King admired his wisdom, and took a ring from his finger and put it upon Joseph's hand, and a chain of gold about his neck; and he made him ride in the second chariot which he

had; and Joseph became ruler over all the land of Egypt.

When the seven years of plenty were gone, the famine began, and it reached over all the country, even to the land of Canaan, where Joseph's father and brothers lived, and they had to go to Egypt to buy some of the corn which the King had laid up in the years of plenty, as Joseph told him. They did not know Joseph, when they saw him, and they bowed themselves down to him, agreeably to his dreams.

But Joseph soon made himself known to them, and forgave them. And he gave them corn, and sent them back to Canaan to bring his father and all their families down into Egypt. The meeting between Joseph and his father was very affecting.

Jacob and his family lived happily in Egypt, and when the good old man was sick unto death, he blessed Joseph, and his other sons, and then fell back on his bed and died, being one hundred and forty-seven years old.

After their father's death, Joseph's brethren were afraid that he would punish them for their wickedness in selling him to the merchants. Therefore they all begged him to forgive them, for their father's sake.

But Joseph said, "Fear not, for God turned the evil which you did me to good. I will take care of you as I did when our father was alive."

Such was the generous conduct of Joseph! How well did he deserve the love and respect of his brothers.

TOY BOOKS,

OF EVERY

VARIETY

AND

DESCRIPTION,

Constantly for sale by

S. BABCOCK.

NEW SERIES

of all the

DIFFERENT SIZES

JUST

PUBLISHED.